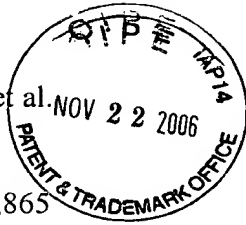


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RESPONSE TO NOTICE REGARDING DRAWINGS

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Sir:

The attached drawings are submitted in accordance with the Notice Regarding Drawings mailed November 14, 2006 (copy attached). Please substitute the attached thirty-four sheets of formal drawings depicting Figures 1-24 for the corresponding drawings filed with the application. Applicants respectfully submit that all 34 pages were previously submitted, and accepted by, the Patent Office with Applicants' March 29, 2005 Amendment as evidenced by the attached date-stamped filing receipt acknowledging receipt of 34 Replacement Sheets of Drawings (Figs. 1-24).

Respectfully submitted,

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Figures 1-24 (34 sheets)

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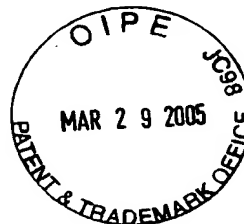
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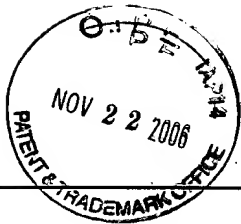
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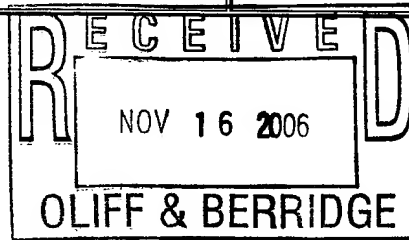


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Corrected drawings for the above-identified application, received in the USPTO on 03/29/2005, are still not acceptable for the reason(s) identified on the attached PTO-948. Applicant is given one opportunity to correct the informalities within a two-month time period from the mailing date of this Notice. **THIS TIME PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136(a) OR 1.136(b). Failure to take corrective action within the set period will result in abandonment of the application.**

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The drawing(s) filed (insert date) 12/7/06 are:
A ☒ approved by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152.
B ☒ objected to by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152 for the reasons indicated below. Corrected drawings are required.

1. DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(a): Acceptable categories of drawings: Black ink or Color (3 sets required).

Color drawings are not acceptable until petition is granted. Fig(s) _____
Pencil and non black ink not permitted. Fig(s) _____

2. PHOTOGRAPHS. 37 CFR 1.84(b)

One (1) full-tone set is required. Fig(s) _____
Photographs may not be mounted. 37 CFR 1.84(e)
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Poor quality (half-tone). Fig(s) _____

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Sectional designation should be noted with Arabic or Roman numbers. Fig(s) _____

8. ARRANGEMENT OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(i)

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10. CHARACTER OF LINES, NUMBERS, & LETTERS. 37 CFR 1.84(l)

Lines, numbers & letters not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable, and black (poor line quality). Fig(s) _____

11. SHADING. 37 CFR 1.84(m)

Solid black areas pale. Fig(s) _____
Solid black shading not permitted. Fig(s) _____

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Numbers and reference characters not plain and legible. Fig(s) _____
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16. DESIGN DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.152

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Solid black surface shading is not permitted except when used to represent the color black as well as color contrast. Fig(s) _____

COMMENTS:

Please submit replacement drawing sheet. For Fig. 5A-23b - Fig. 1-4b were provided.

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